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'Plein Aire' Painting Workshops Offered in Monterey State Historic Park Gardens

MONTEREY – This May, artists are invited to join painters of the Monterey Bay Peninsula for a special series of three "**Plein Aire in the Gardens**" painting workshops at Monterey State Historic Park in downtown Monterey.

Each workshop will focus on design, composition, color and harmony, using the beautiful adobe gardens of Monterey State Historic Park as the 'classroom.' Each workshop is open to artists of all levels and varied mediums, including watercolor, acrylic, or oil. Participants should have some previous painting experience. Each workshop will include the history of the garden being painted given by Frances Grate, State Historic Park docent and local garden lecturer.

Workshops instructor, Kathy Sharpe, is a well-known Bay area artist and past art education chair at Filoli Mansion in Woodside. Now based in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Kathy has generously offered to donate all proceeds from this series to the educational programs at Monterey State Historic Park.

Dates and Times:

Cooper-Molera Adobe: Larkin House: Stevenson House: Tuesday, May 16 Tuesday, May 23 Tuesday, May 30 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fee is \$45 for each individual workshop. \$120 for all three workshops. A box lunch is provided with the cost of each workshop. (Vegetarian selection available upon request.)

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